

DESERET EVENING NEWS

WEATHER REPORT.

Record at the local office of the weather bureau for the 24 hours ending at 6 a. m. today:

Barometer reading at 6 a. m. 25.65 inches. Temperature at 6 a. m. 61 degrees; maximum, 87; minimum, 64; mean, 76, which is 5 degrees above normal.

Excess of daily mean temperature since the first of the month, 37 degrees. Accumulated excess of daily mean temperature since January 1, 472 degrees.

Precipitation since first of month, 1.22 inch, which is .54 inch above the normal.

Accumulated excess in precipitation since January 1, 1.68 inch.

FORECASTS TILL 6 P. M. SATURDAY.

Local forecast for Salt Lake City and vicinity:

Probably local thunderstorms tonight and Saturday.

Forecasts for Utah, made at Denver, Colo.:

Generally fair tonight and Saturday except probably local thunderstorms in north portion; warmer in south portion tonight.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The barometric pressure has decreased west of the Rockies, due to the development of a low area over Nevada. The highest pressure is over the British possessions north of Minnesota. It is raining at San Francisco, and rain has fallen over southern Idaho, central Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, western South Dakota, western Nebraska, southern Texas and at New Orleans. Temperature has fallen over Nevada and southern Utah; and risen over Wyoming.

JOHN GROVER,

Observer Temporarily in Charge.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURE.

At 9 a. m., 70; 11 a. m., 75; 12 o'clock noon, 80; 1 p. m., 84.

THE Semi-Weekly News

Published Mondays and Thursdays. Contains the cream of the daily and Saturday News. Circulation greater than that of any paper published between Denver and the Coast. Sample Copies free.

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SILVER, Bar, 50 1/2 cents

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

J. Brodie is now the regular rabbi of the Hebrew congregation Montefiore.

Rabbi Reynolds will deliver a sermon at the synagogue this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Bell Telephone company will effect a connection between Park City and Provo, via Heber, in three days. The new line between Nephi and Tropic will be completed soon.

The county infirmary was visited today by Judge Stanford, chairman of the county board of Weber county, the superintendent of the Weber county infirmary and other Ogden officials.

Mrs. Mary E. Spence has resigned her position as superintendent of the Davis Daughters Home in this city, and in a few days will return to the East. She will be succeeded by Deaconess Robinson.

A large grass fire raged up City Creek, above the high line water tank, yesterday. The tankmen and others extinguished the fire, but not until a number of trees had been damaged by the flames.

The school principals will hold a meeting in the city and county building on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. There will be a general teachers' meeting in the high school building on Saturday, September 7th.

Miss Bertha Hampton, a deputy in the county clerk's office, has tendered her resignation to take effect September 15. Miss Hampton has been in the office for nearly five years, and is very efficient in her work.

Tomorrow morning a new weekly paper will appear in Salt Lake. It is the Spectator and will be edited by Kenneth C. Kerr and company. The paper will contain twelve pages, devoted to literature, society and arts.

County Superintendent of Schools Ashton has been notified by the state board of health that the county schools will have to be inspected as to sanitation before the fall opening. The county board of health will attend to the matter.

The city board of equalization on water rates is meeting every day in the office of Superintendent of Waterworks Hines, and will continue to do so till the 4th Saturday in September. After that no grievances will have any redress.

The county clerk today addressed an inquiry to the registration agents in the city as to whether or not they were willing to serve at the coming city election. Chairman Elchorn and Wilson were asked to submit lists of names for appointments to fill vacancies.

B. J. Clavton has filed a petition in probate to be appointed administrator of the estate of Sarah E. Cole, who died in this city ten days ago, leaving property valued at \$1,500 to be distributed among two daughters and a minor son. The hearing will be on Sept. 12th.

A pleasant surprise party was sprung on Deputy Sheriff Thomas Busby at his home Wednesday evening. The occasion was his 40th birthday and the feature of the party was the presentation of Mr. Busby of a fine silver mounted umbrella from his colleagues.

There are some vacancies in the corps of registration agents in this city. Before the county commissioners, however, can appoint qualified persons to the places the two political party committees will have to select persons from the districts that are not represented.

The county commissioners have determined that a new road shall be con-

structed between Second West street and the Redwood road, a distance of about one mile, at a cost of about \$1,000. The new road will pass close to the Highland Boy smelter, and property owners have granted the right of way.

State Superintendent Nelson has made the following additional appointments to free normal scholarships in the University, on recommendation of school superintendents: Aurora Mariger, Bountiful; James E. Smith, Heber; Jennie Groesbeck, Carle Dunton, Rindha Hamilton, Emma E. Green, Sylvia M. McAllister, Francis E. Meyer, Emma A. Christensen and Jessie E. Tibbs of Salt Lake City.

A large party of friends enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Parry on last Friday evening. The party was given in honor of their guest, Mrs. Lila Thomas Edwards, the noted singer of Salt Lake City, who rendered a number of choice selections to the delight of the company. Many of the musical people of Mantle have present, and the evening of song was enjoyed by all. During the evening refreshments were served. Altogether it was a time that will long be remembered.—Sample Free Press.

T. R. McNabb, a young man of 20 years of age, was brought from Bingham to Salt Lake City last night charged with having obtained money under false pretenses. Special Officer Teuchner arrested McNabb at the instance of Dr. Stroup, who says that he passed a worthless check on him for \$20, which was drawn on a Salmon City bank. McNabb has only been in Bingham a short time, and induced Dr. Stroup to accept his check by representing that he had a deposit of \$200 in an Idaho bank. William Howard, a Bingham saloon man, has another McNabb check.

Rev. John Herr of Lima, Ohio, is visiting in the city for a few days. He called at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon and exhibited a Bible 36 years old. It is a large volume, weighing nearly ten pounds, is printed from wood type and contains some wood cuts. It is bound with wood and heavy leather. The title page bears the imprint of the maker, the date of issue and the statement that the entire edition was fifty copies. There are only three volumes remaining, one in the museum at Bern, Switzerland, one in the museum at Berlin and the one owned by Mr. Herr, which has been in his family over three centuries.

UTAH COMMERCIAL AND SAVINGS BANK. Interest paid on savings, W. F. Armstrong, pres., T. H. Madson, vice-pres., J. E. Caine, cashier.

UTAH COAL.

Castle Gate, Sunnyside and Clear Creek—Lump, \$5.00 per ton. Winter Quarters Lump and all nut coal, \$4.75 per ton. Anthracite, all sizes, \$5.00 per ton. Telephone 429. D. J. SHARP, Agt.

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150,000 SHARES OF STOCK IN ALBERTA LAND AND STOCK CO.

(Properties located in Alberta, Canada.) for sale, at par value of stock—\$1.00 per share. The officers and directors of the company are:

Samuel W. Woolley, President; Charles McCarty, Vice-President; George Romney, Secretary and Treasurer; Moses W. Taylor, W. J. Robinson, E. P. Ellison and Ezra Shomaker.

The money arising from sale of this stock is to be used in purchasing cattle and sheep to place upon the fine ranches of this company.

Conservative management guaranteed and good returns assured. The stock offered for sale by this company will enable investors of either large or small amounts to obtain an interest in a section of country unequalled for stock-raising purposes, and in which the increase in the value of the land owned by the company will of itself pay a moderate interest on the investment. Applications for stock should be made to George M. Cannon, No. 1 Main Street, Salt Lake City.

ALEX PENALUNA DEAD. Well Known Mining Man Attacked by Fatal Hemorrhage.

Alexander Penaluna, night boss at the Carls mine until a few weeks ago, died suddenly in this city yesterday from hemorrhage of the lungs. About six weeks ago he contracted a severe cold, which continued to grow worse, and finally settled on his lungs. He came to this city from Butte two years ago, and established his home at 274 east Fifth South street. He was a member of the First Methodist church, of the Old Fellows lodge at Robinson, and the A. O. U. W. at Butte. He is survived by a wife and two children. The notice of the funeral will be given later; meanwhile the remains are at the undertaking establishment of A. S. Watson.

James White, Bryantville, Ind., says DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve healed running sores on both legs. He had suffered six years. Doctors failed to help him, but DeWitt's Salve cured him. Dr. F. C. Schramm, Prescription Druggist, McCormick building, corner Main and First South streets.

EGG WITHIN AN EGG.

Laid by a Hen Belonging to Herman Grether.

People interested in theatrical affairs have no doubt heard of "Wheels within Wheels," but few perhaps have seen an egg within an egg. But that is the kind of curiosity that was being exhibited on the streets today by Herman Grether of the Thirteenth Ward store. The outer egg is larger than the one laid by the average turkey, being 7 1/2 inches around the center. The egg inside is of normal size and fully developed with a hard shell.

The curiosity was presented to Mr. Grether by one of his Minora hens. She is a small, thin, pullet that would never have been suspected of such a thing. Mr. Grether has given it to Dr. Talmage to be preserved in the University museum.

FUNERAL NOTICES.

The funeral of the late Ephraim McLaughlin will be held from the family home, 1250 Lincoln avenue, Saturday forenoon, at 11 o'clock.

Funeral services over the remains of John Peterson, who died at Riverton on Wednesday, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the South Cottonwood meeting house.

Eruptions, cuts, burns, scalds and sores of all kinds quickly healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Certain cure for piles. Beware of Counterfeits. Be sure you get the original—DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Prescription Druggist, McCormick building, corner Main and First South streets.

JUDGE BOTKIN ON PENSION SYSTEM

To the Editor:

I believe that you are in favor of fair play, and I therefore ask that I may be heard through your columns in reference to the subject of an editorial in your issue, August 28, under the caption, "Our Liberal Methods," which was inspired by a quotation from the New York Journal.

As a veteran of the Civil War I have no desire that any of my comrades should draw pensions unless clearly entitled to such bounty under the laws of Congress, and the facts proven in each particular case. Neither do I desire that any widow or minor child should draw a pension unless it is clearly established that she, or it, is the widow or minor child of a deceased soldier. I have no defense to make of the man or woman whose pension has been procured by fraud, or by false testimony. If there be such frauds, the guilty ones should be hunted down and sent to prison.

The great and only Grover Cleveland once solemnly said in an official utterance: "There are thousands of well known cases of such frauds in every community," and the press took up that monstrous charge from one end of the land to the other, and detectives and secret service men rushed hither and thither and preyed about in "thousands of well known cases." The result of all the investigations which cost the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars, was the discovery that the Stuffed Prophet had made an egregious ass of himself, and that there was a less per centage of fraud in the matter of pensions than there is in the business management of any other large business in the world.

The charge made by President Cleveland was a calumny upon the American people. How long, think you, could any number of fraudulent pensioners exist outside of the prison in any community anywhere in all this great Republic? I grant you that once in a while some one is discovered enjoying a pension to which he or she is not entitled; but such cases are very much rarer than are the cases of wolves in sheep's clothing in the pulpits of any organized church in Christendom. I challenge you to point out a single community in the United States where such a fraud could exist if known for a single day. The tenure of existence of a snow-fake in the hottest part of an orthodox hell, would be an eternity compared to such a person's continued freedom after discovery. And yet Grover Cleveland, after having said that, was several million clumps who believed him, that "there are thousands of well known cases of such frauds in every community." It was not only a wicked calumny upon the men who saved the nation, but it was a brutal and most outrageous impeachment of the great body of the American people whom he thus directly, but, by indirect language, charged with the crime of pensioning.

Now, Mr. Editor, I come to the subject of your editorial in yesterday's issue. You quote from the commission's report that there are 97,735 names on the roll, and that on the 30th of June last there were still 40,000 claims pending; and then you say: "There are now more beneficiaries of the pension law than there were men under arms when the armies were mustered out, thirty-six years ago, and the number is still growing, though the veterans are dying at the rate of many thousands every year."

Let us analyze the commissioner's report and look at some of the facts which help make up the roll: Widows, war 1812 to 1815 1,727 Survivor war 1812 to 1815 1,056 Survivors, Indian wars 1,056 Widows, Indian wars 1,056 Survivors, Mexican war 1,056 Widows, Mexican war 1,056 Army nurses, Spanish war 650 Survivors, Spanish war 1,056 Widows and children, Spanish war 2,049

Now, compare the 15,677 pensioners on account of the Mexican war with the whole number of men on the firing line in Scott's Army, and then reflect that instead of 36 years, it has been 54 years since the Mexican war closed! And yet not even Grover Cleveland, nor the New York Journal, have offered to claim that there is any fraud in that part of the "Nation's Honor Roll." Here is one poor lone soldier, and 1,727 widows, of the war with Great Britain, which closed 56 years ago! No charge of fraud there; no, never! Please compare the number 1,728 with the whole number of men under arms at the close of the war.

Now, in the civil war, the government enlisted all together 2,778,000 men. Of those, nearly 600,000 were re-enlistments. So the total of individuals who served in the Union armies from first to last was about 2,180,000. The total number of deaths was 360,222. That is to say that 16 per cent of all our enlisted men in the civil war lost their lives in that conflict. And as "every body" came to this city from Butte of 180 men to the war, so "every community" had sixteen deaths to mourn, to say nothing of the invalids and cripples, the maimed and the diseased, who

returned to be nursed, and to die and be buried after the war. Nor does it take any account of the men who were discharged for disabilities and who returned home to die from such disabilities, before the war closed, but after their names were dropped from the military rolls, and the government paid no notice of their deaths.

In all other wars in which our nation has been engaged our soldiers fought men who were alien to our blood or to our institutions, but in the American fought Americans, and as a result it was the most frightful in its casualties of all the conflicts since the application of gun-powder to military purposes. Waterloo, Marengo, Austerlitz, Borodino, and the like, insignificant beside Shiloh, Chancellorsville, Franklin, Gettysburg, Spotsylvania, and Fredericksburg, and a hundred other fields where "the Yanks" met "the Johnnies."

Now, after such a service by such an immense host of men unused to war and military exposures, how can any one wonder at the enormous pension roll of the nation? grant you it is a "burden," but it is not one one-thousandth part of the burden our soldiers bore during their campaigns, nor is it anything in comparison to the land during the war. Without the services of our soldiers and the patriotic fortitude of their friends at home, there would not today be an imperial Republic such as we now have, and liberty would be a by-word to his despots through the teeth of anarchists.

Complaint is made that "as fast as one of these old soldiers dies there is some one to take his place on the roll." That is true, as a rule, and it is altogether too bad. If these dear old wives of ours who have patiently and loyally stood by us during the years that are gone, had proper respect for certain classes of the American people, they would not consent to go to the poor house as living monuments to the demands for a decrease in the pension roll. But, "women are a contrary lot, and women are much more stubbornly refuse to 'quit' trying to please the men folk." Two hundred and thirty-three thousand nine hundred and thirteen widows and minor children are upon the roll on the 30th of June last. The larger part of those are widows, none of whom draw over \$12, and most of them only \$8 each per month. The minor children get \$3 each per month.

There is a net gain of 4,206 pensions over last year, and not on account of the civil war. There have been placed on the roll during the year 3,849 pensioners on account of the Spanish war, 73,538 disabled and diseased soldiers of the Mexican war, and 1,056 of some of the earlier wars. The total number of individuals who served the Union between April, 1861, and August, 1865, very many if not most of them, is to be in that roll of "400,000 claims pending." Why? and how? The answer is obvious to any one who has studied the subject and who cares to be candid. A applies for a pension on account of some disability, and the doctor, who has seen him during the war, he has great difficulty in finding his witnesses. But, in the meantime, he is suffering from his disability and needs assistance. So the commissioner gives him a pension on account of his disability. 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